

Amendment under 37 CFR §1.111

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REMARKS

Claims 2-8 are pending in the present application. Claims 2-6 are herein amended. New claims 7 and 8 have been added. No new subject matter has been added.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 1 and 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kimura et. al has been rendered moot by the present amendment. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over JP2001-164237.

As described in the background art of Applicants' specification, the conventional composition comprising a polyoxyalkylene polymer containing a reactive silicone group has a problem in surface tackiness. If an amine compound is added thereto, the surface tackiness can be improved but problems arise with mechanical strength and tackiness to the substrate. In order to solve these problems, epoxy curing is used in combination with hydrosilyl curing in Applicants' claimed invention. Namely, the claimed invention is characterized in using an epoxy resin and a curing agent for an epoxy resin containing a tertiary amine in the composition containing a primary or secondary amine.

JP2001-164237 disclose an epoxy plasticizer as a plasticizer and a hindered amine as an antioxidant. However, an epoxy plasticizer usually has only one epoxy group and this compound cannot be cured. Also, a hindered amine cannot be used as the curing agent for an epoxy resin. Therefore, JP2001-164237 does not disclose the invention wherein epoxy curing is used in combination with hydrosilyl curing.

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It is difficult for the person of ordinary skill in the art to think of the epoxy curing only from the disclosure of an epoxy plasticizer and a hindered amine antioxidant.

To further clarify the differences between the present invention and JP2001-164237, claim 2 is amended to define a curing agent for an epoxy resin containing a tertiary amine and an epoxy resin.

Therefore, JP2001-164237 does not render Applicants' claimed invention obvious.

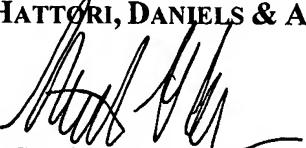
In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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